

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., October 30, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, October 30, 1835.

My son, I have the pleasure to inclose you a letter from your dear Sarah, we are all in good health, myself excepted. I am a good deal affected with pain in my left side and constant labour preparing for congress.

I have recd your letter of the 16th instant. I can only say in reply, in all things you must exercise your own judgt., you know my means here, and the prospects at the farm, and unless the farm produces enough to clear its own expence, my means here will be fully exhausted in paying for the finishing of the house, and restoring to it, the furniture destroyed, but if you have made the purchase of the horses and mules, you can draw upon me for half the amount you state, say, for three hundred and forty five dollars (245) [sic] and I will endeavour to meet it. I was in hopes you could have sold, or bartered, one of our stud colts to meet this expence. my son do not involve me in debt, the farm for the last four years has wasted all my substance and if suddenly called hence, would leave you covered with a debt that would be very inconvenient to you to meet, and harrassing to me on a dying bed, therefore my son, act with oeconomy. to your judgt. I must leave you, with these hints, and refer you to your dear sarahs letter for our domestic concerns. I have only to add, I am informed that my friends are about to give a dinner to Mr Grundy, Polk, Johnston, and Govr. Carroll, if this is so, be sure to be a subscriber to it, and take all your neighbours, Dodson etc, with you to it.

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I am yours affectionately